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PRINTING OF NOTES AND MINTING OF COINS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places and the units where Indian currency notes and coins are printed and minted respectively;

(b) the capacity of the above units;

(c) the currency notes printed and the coins minted as against the capacity of these units during the last three years;

(d) whether output in some of the units is not upto their working capacity;

(e) if so, the details of such units;

(f) the reasons for under utilisation of their capacity; and (g) the corrective steps taken for optimum utilisation of their capacity?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance(Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a)&(b): The units where currency notes are printed along with their capacities are:

1) Bank Note Press, Dewas(M.P) - 1800 million pieces per annum
2) Currency Note Press, Nashik - 4000 million pieces per annum
3) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd., Mysore and Salboni(W.B) - 4770 million pieces per annum each.
There are four mints at Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad and NOIDA. The first three of these are currently undergoing modernisation. The capacities of these mints are as follows:

(Million pieces per annum)

Mint	Existing Capacity	Capacity after modernisation
India Govt. Mint, Kolkata	750	1000
India Govt. Mint, Mumbai	750	1000
India Govt. Mint, Hyderabad	400	700
India Govt. Mint, Noida	1000	(2000 after second shift is introduced) -

(c): The details of the currency notes printed and coins minted by these units during the last three years are as indicated in the statement annexed.

(d),(e),(f)&(g): The production in Currency Note Press, Nashik was less on account of modernisation and erection, commissioning and trial printing of new machines. The production of Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd. presses at Mysore and Salboniwas less as their full capacity was installed only in 1998-99 and 1999-2000 respectively. The currency notes are produced by Presses on the basis of the Reserve Bank of India`s indent. The current indent is less than the combined capacity of the presses. Hence, they are not required to utilise their full capacity. The Mints at Kolkata, Mumbai and Hyderabad are under modernisation.After modernisation is completed, these units will take some more time before attaining the optimum level of production.

Annexure

Statement annexed to part (c) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2019for answer on 9.3.2001, by Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot, regarding printing of notes and minting of coins.

Production of Notes and Coins during the last 3 years.

(in million pieces)

Name of the Press	Year of Production

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Bank Note Press, Dewas	1801	2168	2813
Currency Note Press, Nashik	3545	3177	3159
BRBNML, Mysore	660	995	2812
BRBNML, Salboni	1098	1167	2077

(in million pieces)

Name of the Mint	Year of Production		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
India Govt. Mint, Kolkata	434.18	525.11	660.09
India Govt. Mint, Noida	556.46	810.00	901.00
India Govt. Mint, Hyderabad	286.35	475.00	619.00
India Govt. Mint, Mumbai	400.99	511.60	631.58